

HOUSE BILL 1423
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AN ACT to designate a segment of State Route 254 (Bell Road) in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County as the "Knights of Columbus Parkway".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary civic organizations that have demonstrated a longstanding commitment to charity and compassion in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, for over one hundred years, the Knights of Columbus have been active in the great State of Tennessee, always remaining true to the Order's main principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; and

WHEREAS, ever striving to "create a better world one Council at a time," the Knights of Columbus are actively involved in the civic affairs of their respective communities and parishes; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus actively support this nation's valiant emergency workers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus also promote patriotism and strongly support the courageous men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus raise millions of dollars each year to benefit persons with mental retardation and their families and dedicate millions of man hours each year to serving the needs of society in general; and

WHEREAS, for these and many other humanitarian and patriotic endeavors, the Knights of Columbus should be appropriately honored by the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 8354 of the Knights of Columbus is headquartered on State Route 254 (Bell Road) in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, that segment of State Route 254 (Bell Road) in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County from such route's intersection with Mt. View Road to its intersection with Murfreesboro Road (U.S. Highway 41 / 70 S) is hereby designated the "Knights of Columbus Parkway" as a lasting tribute to an excellent civic organization composed of even finer human beings.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of State Route 254 (Bell Road) in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County as the "Knights of Columbus Parkway."

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-

state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.